

Hampden Recreation Committee
Minutes
November 21, 2017

Attendance:

Recreation Committee: Steven Brown, Jim Dyer, Nancy Fenders, Jane Jarvi, Frank Pergolizzi, Jason Sharpe, Stephanie Shayne.

Recreation Department: Shelley Abbott, Director: Jill McLaughlin, Assistant Director, Evan Kingsbury, Team Sports

Town Manager: Angus Jennings

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.
- II. Agenda approved
- III. Public Comment: none
- IV. Approval of Minutes: approved for May 22, 2017 and June 12, 2017.
- V. Directors Update: participation has increased across the board
 - a. Summer Review: summer camp was full except July 4th week (normal): other programming offered: soccer skills, tennis, basketball skills
 - b. Fall: numbers are steady: programming included field hockey, robotics, soccer, flag football, Halloween party had 125 participants even with reschedule due to weather. New; was fencing and yoga.
 - c. Winter: schedule is full including a Hogwarts shopping day and a New Year's Eve function. Expansion due to new, full-time employee.
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - a. Western Avenue Recreation Area Work: Services Committee and the Town Council have both supported and not supported continuation of plan development for the Western Avenue Recreation Area. Recreation Committee unanimously agreed to request clarification from the Council as the funds have been budgeted to pursue design and permitting. Additional site development funding was discussed including host community benefit fund, trail grants, reserve accounts, and a bond.
 - b. Town Audit: FY 2017 audit should be complete early 2018. 2017 is the last year for the Enterprise Fund. The Council will vote to roll over these funds to the Recreation Reserve fund.
 - c. Scholarship Update: the fund continues to grow through donations made during registration. The balance is \$1055 (\$700 seed from TLS). Two scholarships have been awarded, one denied due to applicant applying after they had registered and requested a reimbursement.
 - d. Seacoast United Partnership: Soccer Club in Brewer: they provided 4 summer skills clinics, will continue in the fall including coach training. They may coordinate a winter futsal league.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Bronco Travel: merged grades 3 and 4, 54 boys 30+girls. Focus on skills and fundamental development
 - b. Emailed articles re: Time article on the business of youth sports and sexual harassment from fans. Discussion ensued.
- VIII. Committee Comments: encourage participants in recreation to attend council and services committee meetings.
- IX. Next Meeting: TBD
- X. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Jane Jarvi, Secretary